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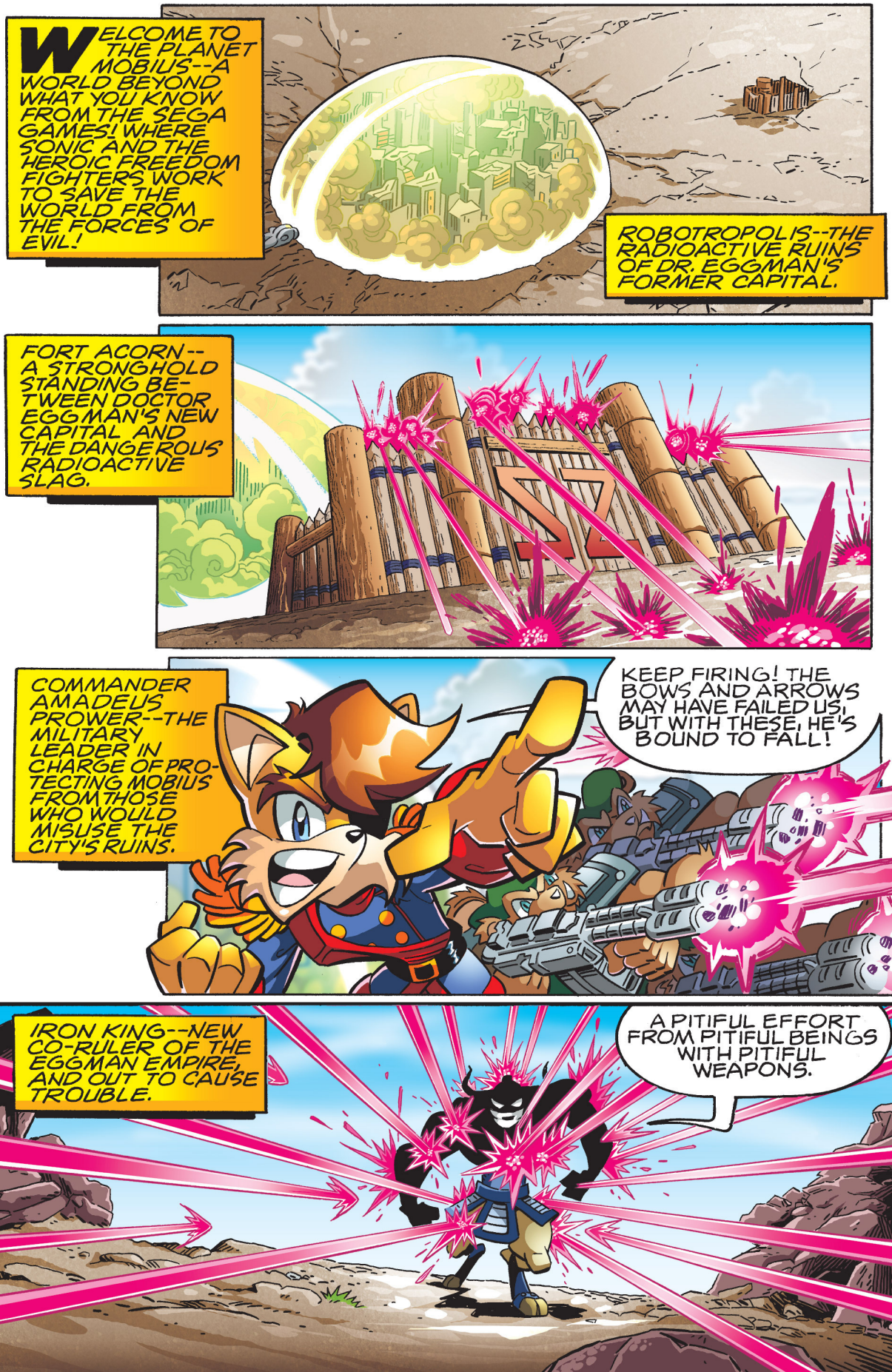
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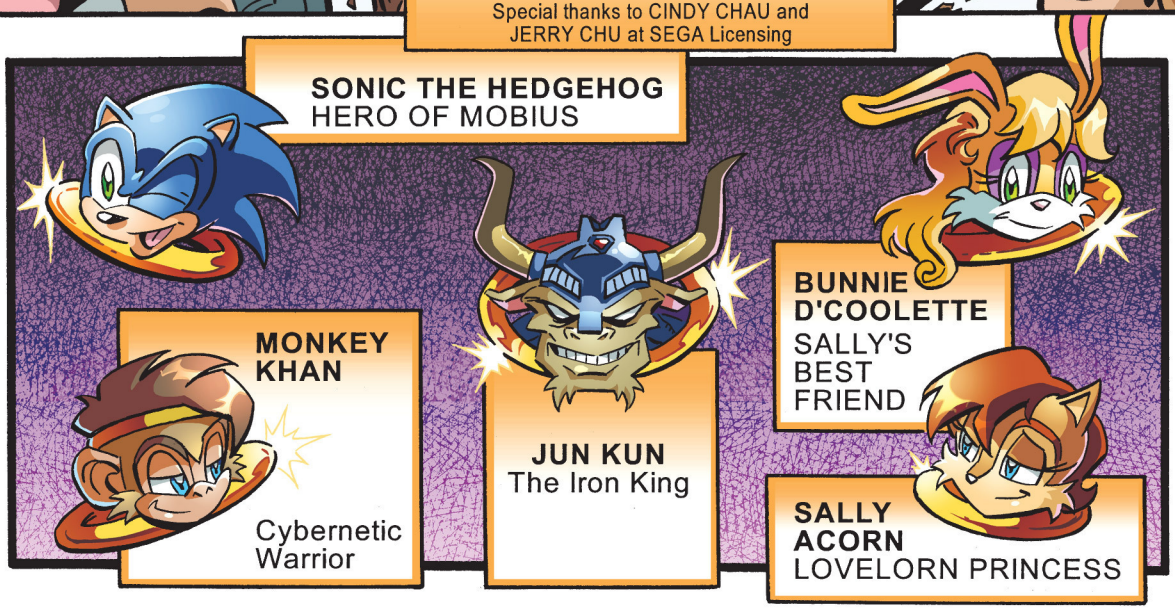
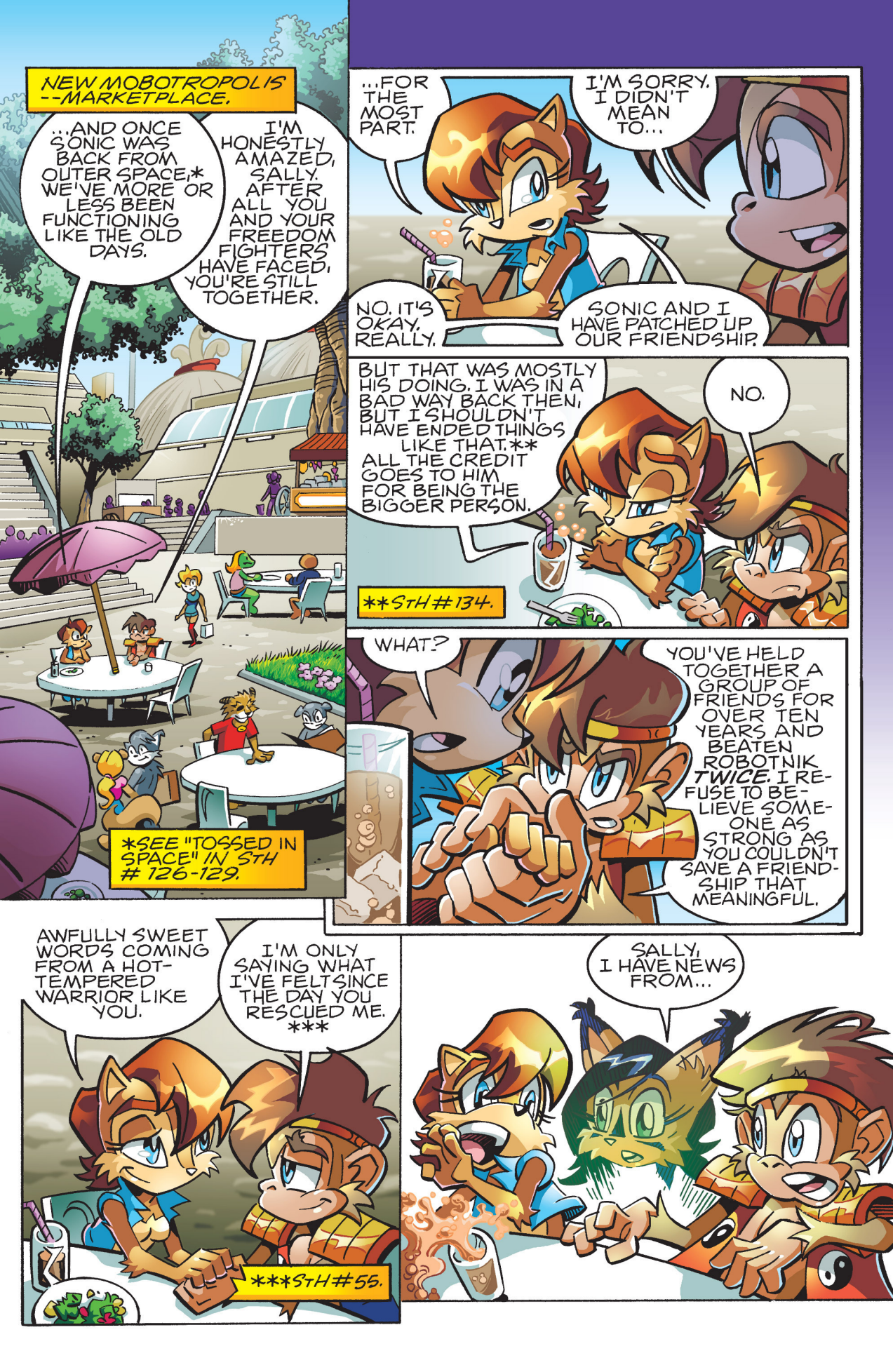
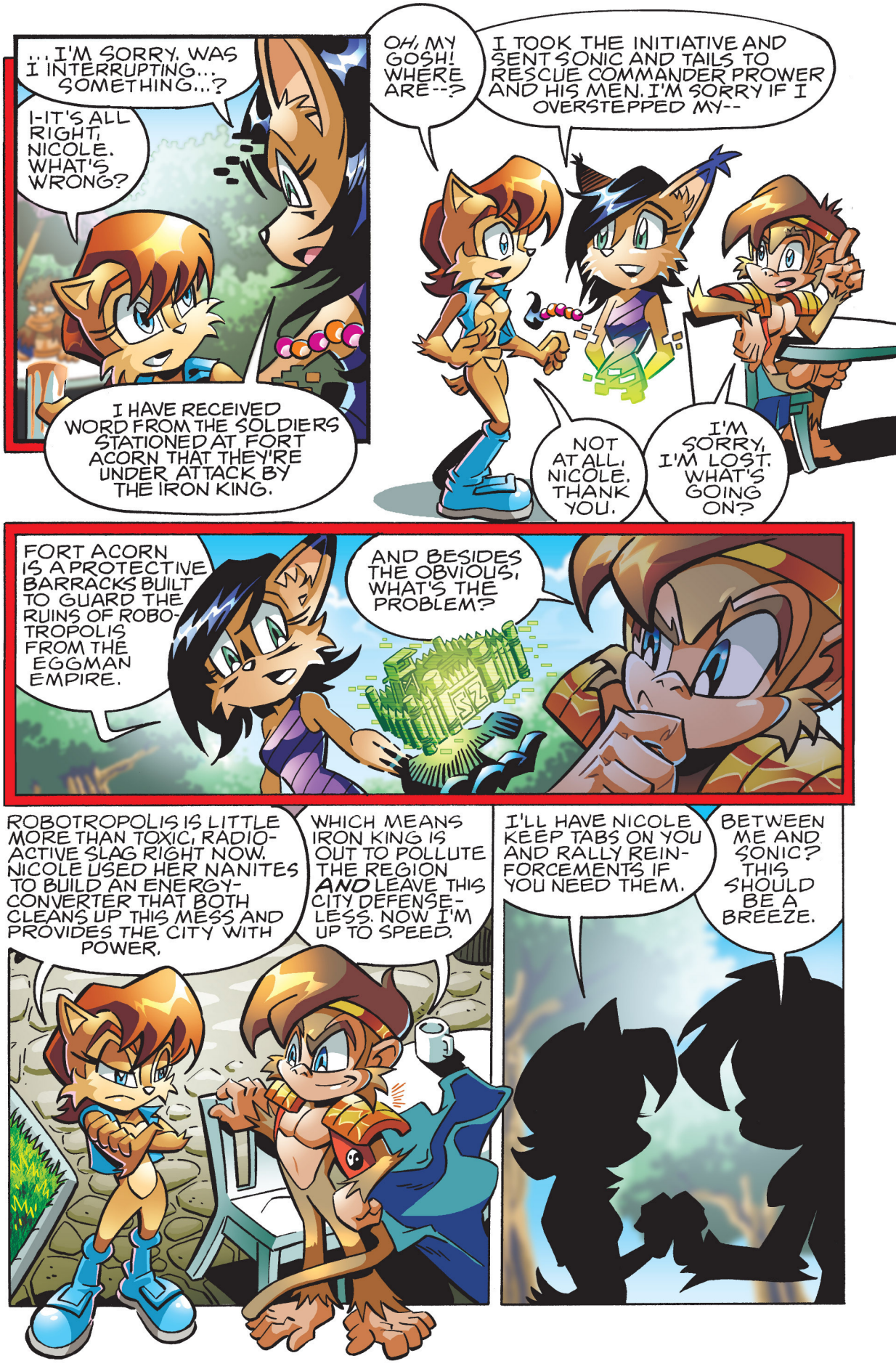


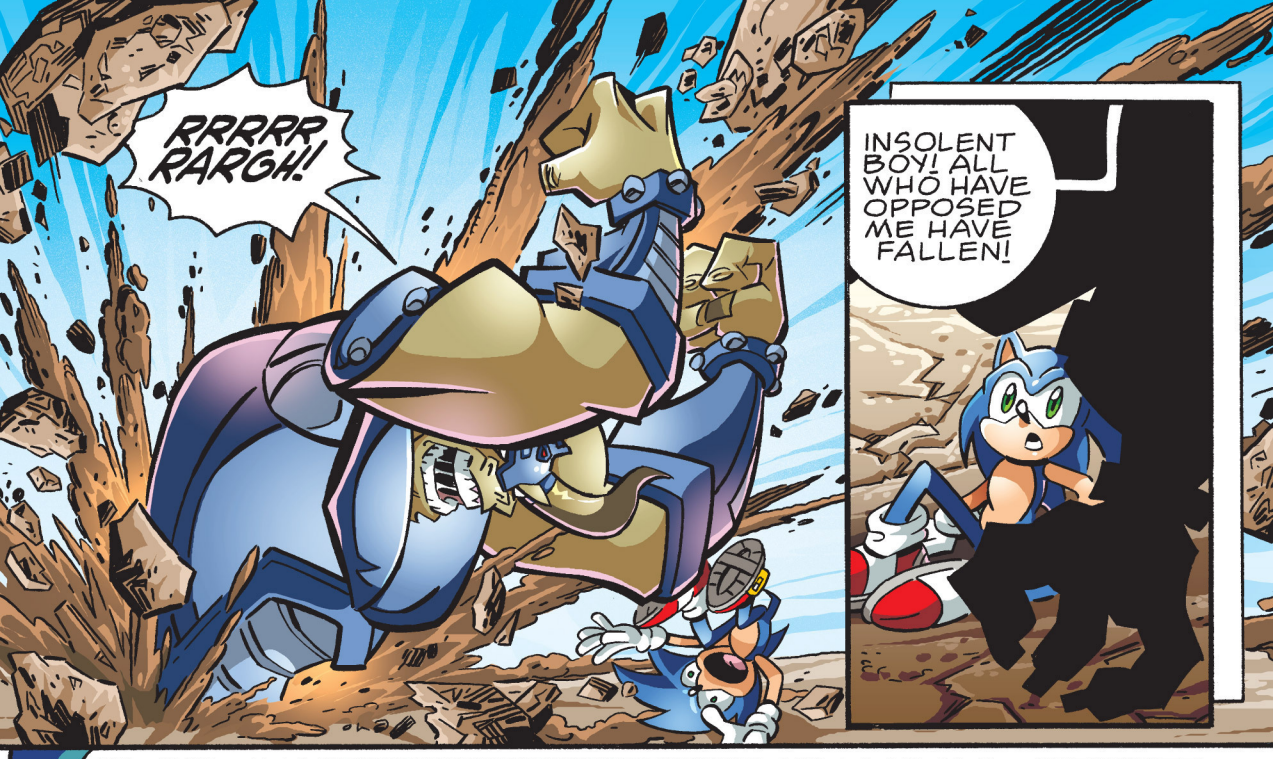

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS --MARKETPLACE.
...AND ONCE SONIC WAS BACK FROM OUTER SPACE,* WE'VE MORE OR LESS BEEN FUNCTIONING LIKE THE OLD DAYS.
I'M HONESTLY AMAZED, SALLY. AFTER ALL YOU AND YOUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE FACED, YOU'RE STILL TOGETHER.
*SEE "TOSSED IN SPACE" IN STH # 126-129.
...FOR THE MOST PART.
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
NO. IT'S OKAY. REALLY.
SONIC AND I HAVE PATCHED UP OUR FRIENDSHIP.
BUT THAT WAS MOSTLY HIS DOING. I WAS IN A BAD WAY BACK THEN, BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE ENDED THINGS LIKE THAT.** ALL THE CREDIT GOES TO HIM FOR BEING THE BIGGER PERSON.
NO.
**STH #134.
WHAT?
YOU'VE HELD TOGETHER A GROUP OF FRIENDS FOR OVER TEN YEARS AND BEATEN ROBOTNIK TWICE. I REFUSE TO BELIEVE SOMEONE AS STRONG AS YOU COULDN'T SAVE A FRIENDSHIP THAT MEANINGFUL.
AWFULLY SWEET WORDS COMING FROM A HOT-TEMPERED WARRIOR LIKE YOU.
I'M ONLY SAYING WHAT I'VE FELT SINCE THE DAY YOU RESCUED ME. ***
***STH #55.
SALLY, I HAVE NEWS FROM...

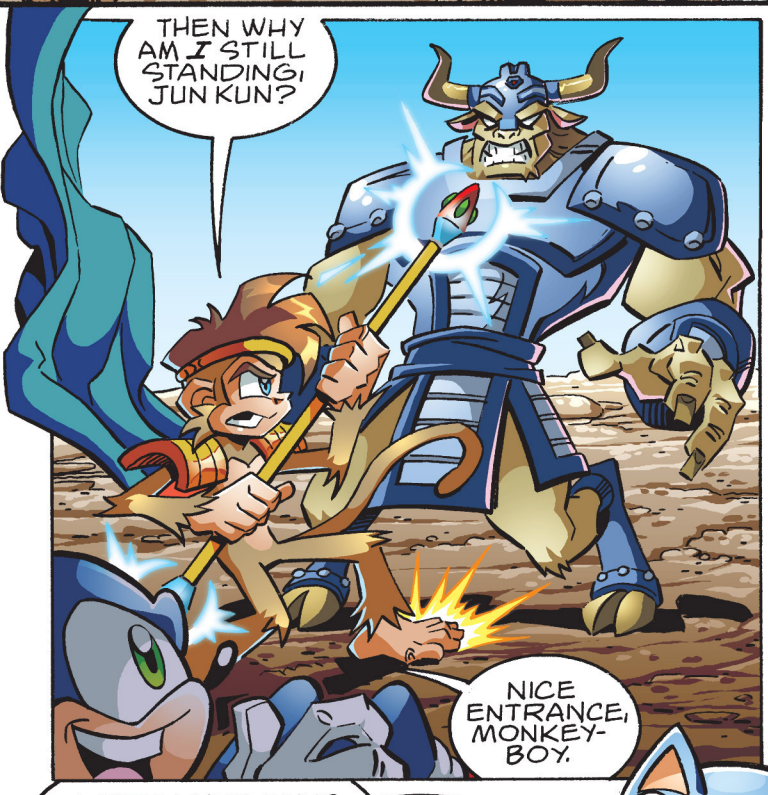

...I'M SORRY. WAS I INTERRUPTING... SOMETHING...?
I-IT'S ALL RIGHT, NICOLE. WHAT'S WRONG?
I HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM THE SOLDIERS STATIONED AT FORT ACORN THAT THEY'RE UNDER ATTACK BY THE IRON KING.
OH, MY GOSH! WHERE ARE--?
I TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND SENT SONIC AND TAILS TO RESCUE COMMANDER PROWER AND HIS MEN. I'M SORRY IF I OVERSTEPPED MY--
NOT AT ALL, NICOLE. THANK YOU.
I'M SORRY, I'M LOST. WHAT'S GOING ON?
FORT ACORN IS A PROTECTIVE BARRACKS BUILT TO GUARD THE RUINS OF ROBOTROPOLIS FROM THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.
AND BESIDES THE OBVIOUS, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
ROBOTROPOLIS IS LITTLE MORE THAN TOXIC, RADIOACTIVE SLAG RIGHT NOW. NICOLE USED HER NANITES TO BUILD AN ENERGY-CONVERTER THAT BOTH CLEANS UP THIS MESS AND PROVIDES THE CITY WITH POWER.
WHICH MEANS IRON KING IS OUT TO POLLUTE THE REGION *AND* LEAVE THIS CITY DEFENSELESS. NOW I'M UP TO SPEED.
I'LL HAVE NICOLE KEEP TABS ON YOU AND RALLY REINFORCEMENTS IF YOU NEED THEM.
BETWEEN ME AND SONIC? THIS SHOULD BE A BREEZE.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SALLY?
I DON'T KNOW, NICOLE...
"...I'VE GOT A LOT OF THINKING TO DO."
STOP, BLAST YOU!
I WILL NOT FAIL ARMAND'S MEMORY-- NO!
KSSH
GNAT. SPECK. NONE CAN STAND AGAINST THE IRON KING.

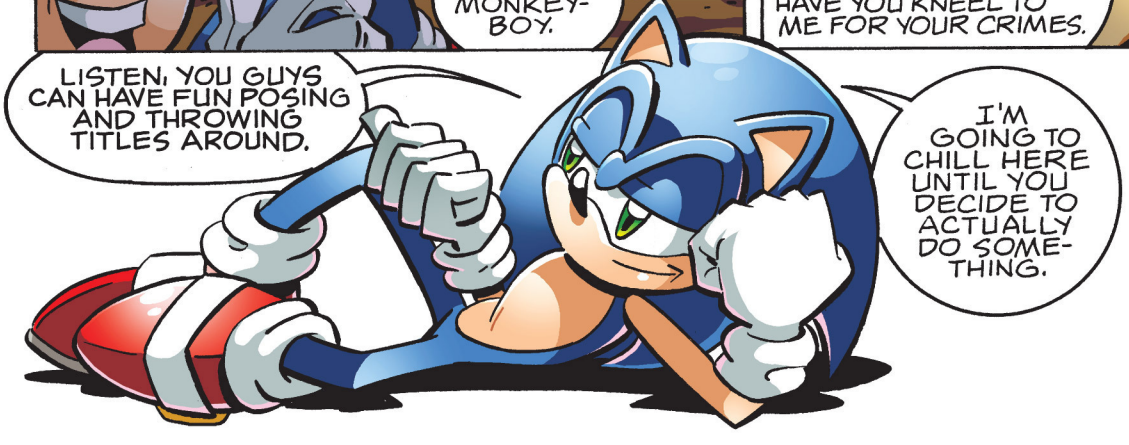
CLANG
THEN I'LL JUST SPIN DASH AGAINST YOU!
YOU OKAY, COMMANDER?
I'LL BE FINE. NICELY DONE.
THAT WAS, WASN'T IT? TAILS IS EVACUATING EVERYONE FROM WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FORT. I'LL HANDLE IRON PANTS.
I'LL ENTRUST THE MATTER TO YOU, THEN.
HEY!
HAPPY TO SEE YOU, TOO, SON... BUT WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
ISN'T IT GREAT?! NICOLE BUILT IT WITH HER NANITES!
AND YOU CAN FLY IT? JUST LIKE THAT?
SURE. ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE, TAILS. JUST VERY IMPRESSED--AND VERY PROUD.

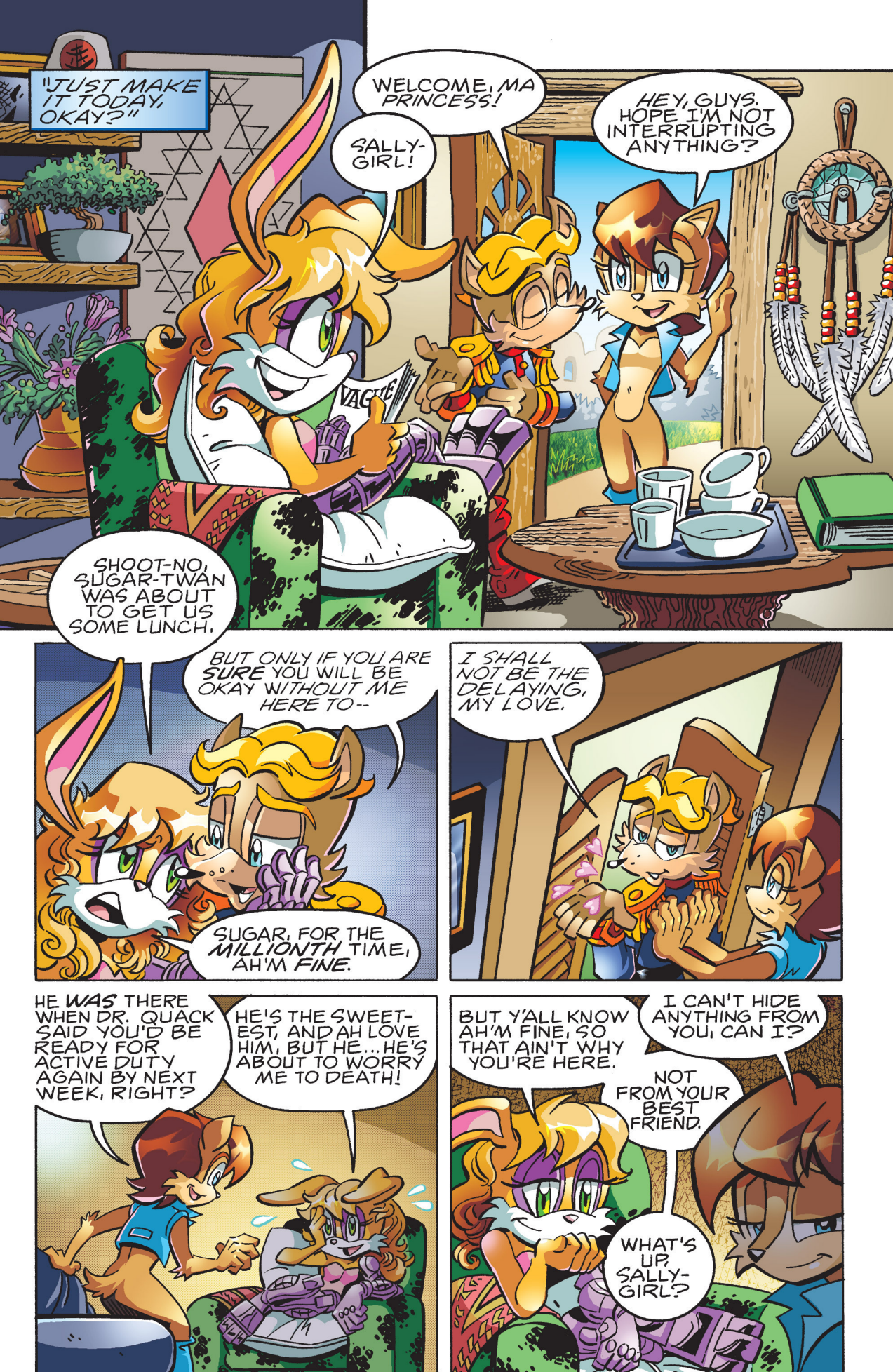
SWEET! EVERY-BODY'S SAFE!
NOT EVERY-ONE!
WHOOPS! SORRY, I FORGOT ABOUT YOU FOR A SECOND.
WHAM
AND SINCE I CAN'T SEEM TO PUT A DING IN YOUR ARMOR...
BZZZZZZZZZZZZ
...I'LL JUST TAKE YOU OUT OF COMMISSION UNTIL I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING BETTER!
ARGH!
MAYBE I COULD PLANT SOME TOMATOES HERE. THEY COULD GROW UP AROUND YOUR HORNS. WE'LL CALL YOU "IRON PLANTER."
...WOULD YOU PREFER BEANS?
RRRR RGH...

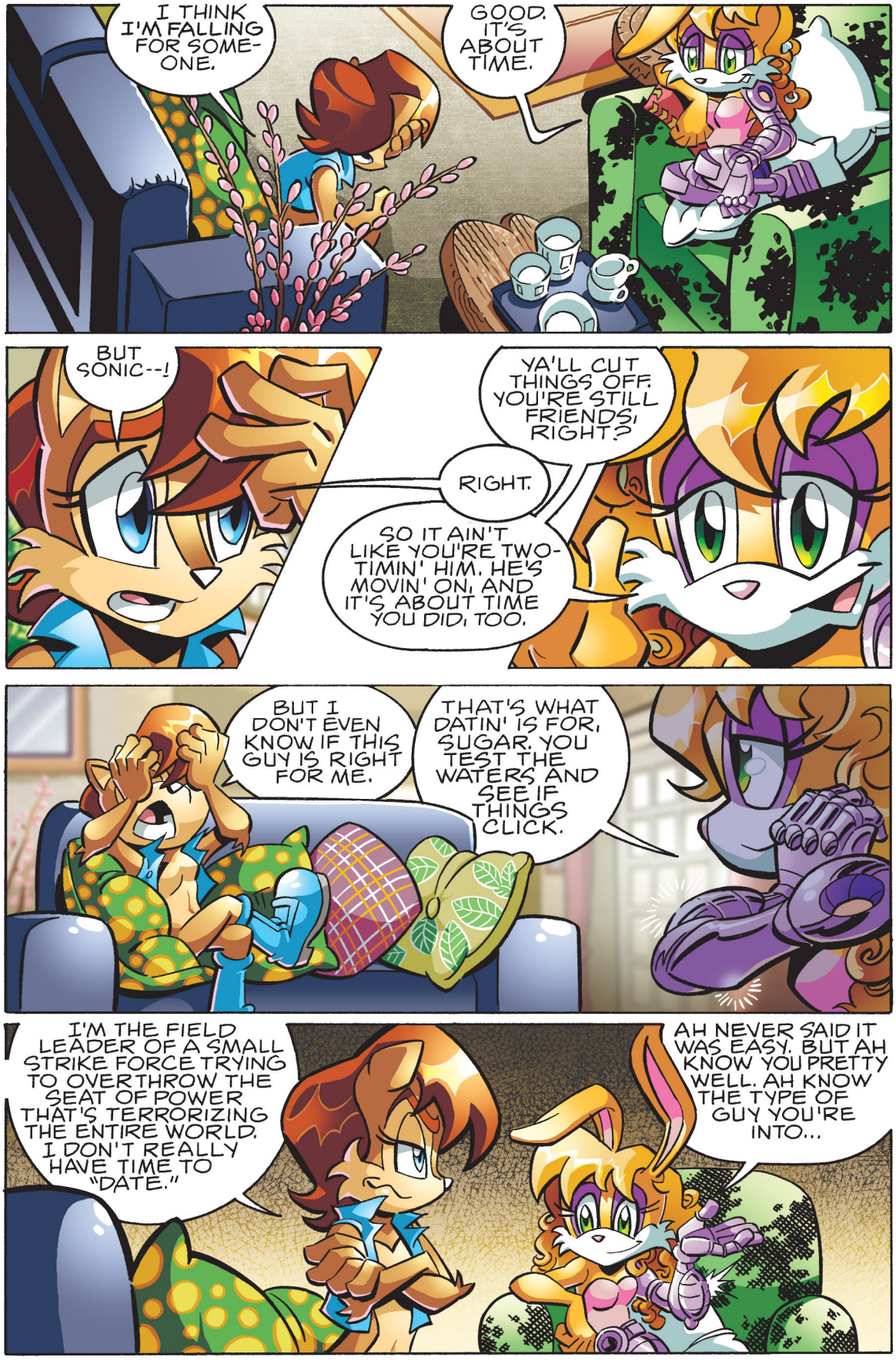

RRRRR RARGH!
INSOLENT BOY! ALL WHO HAVE OPPOSED ME HAVE FALLEN!

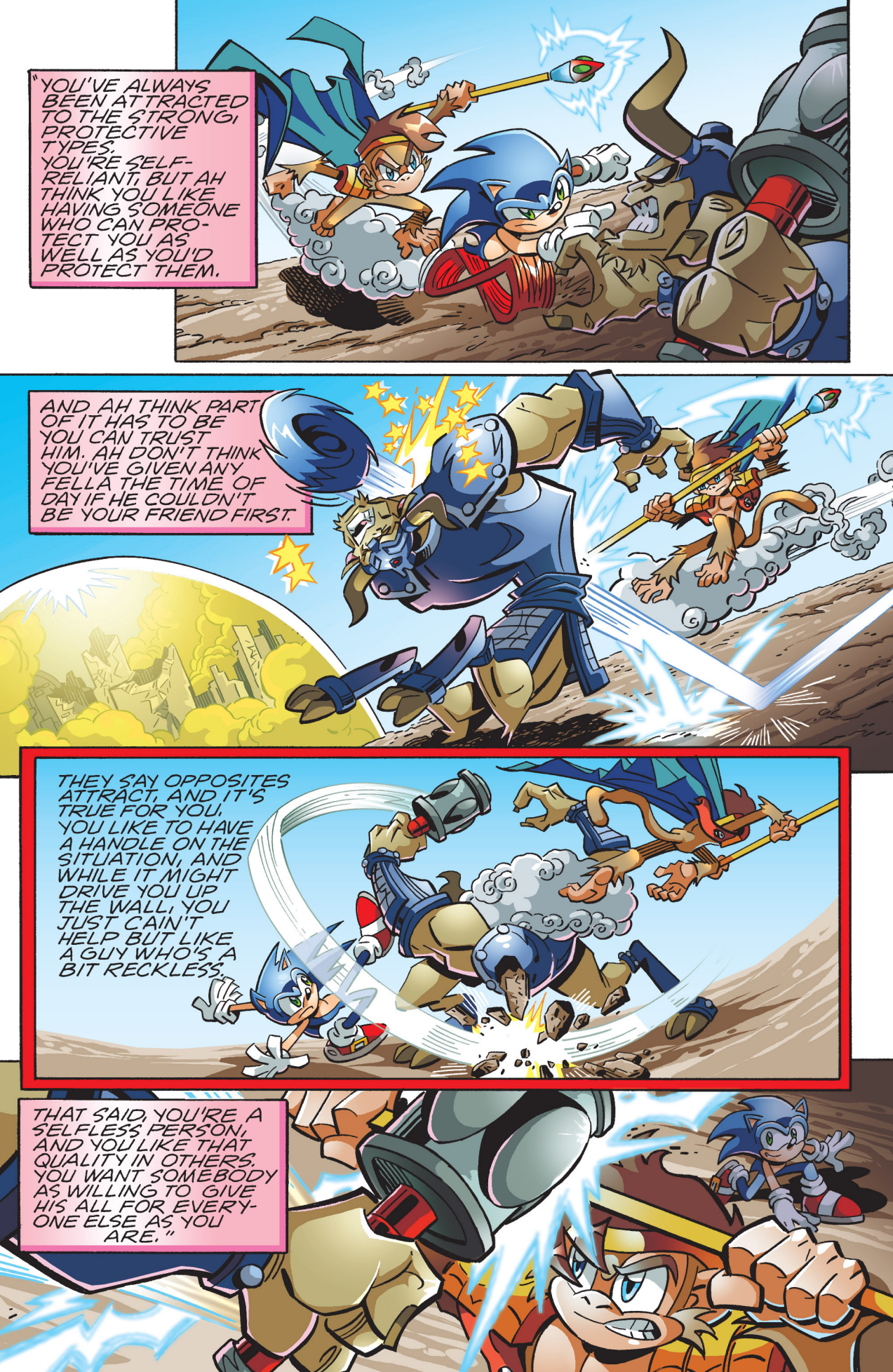

THEN WHY AM I STILL STANDING, JUN KUN?
NICE ENTRANCE, MONKEY-BOY.

YOU ARE TOO FAMILIAR IN YOUR TONE. I AM THE IRON KING AND NOTHING LESS TO YOU.
THE OPPRESSED HAVE NAMED ME THE "KING OF THE FREE PEOPLE," AND I'LL HAVE YOU KNEEL TO ME FOR YOUR CRIMES.


LISTEN, YOU GUYS CAN HAVE FUN POSING AND THROWING TITLES AROUND.
I'M GOING TO CHILL HERE UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO ACTUALLY DO SOME-THING.

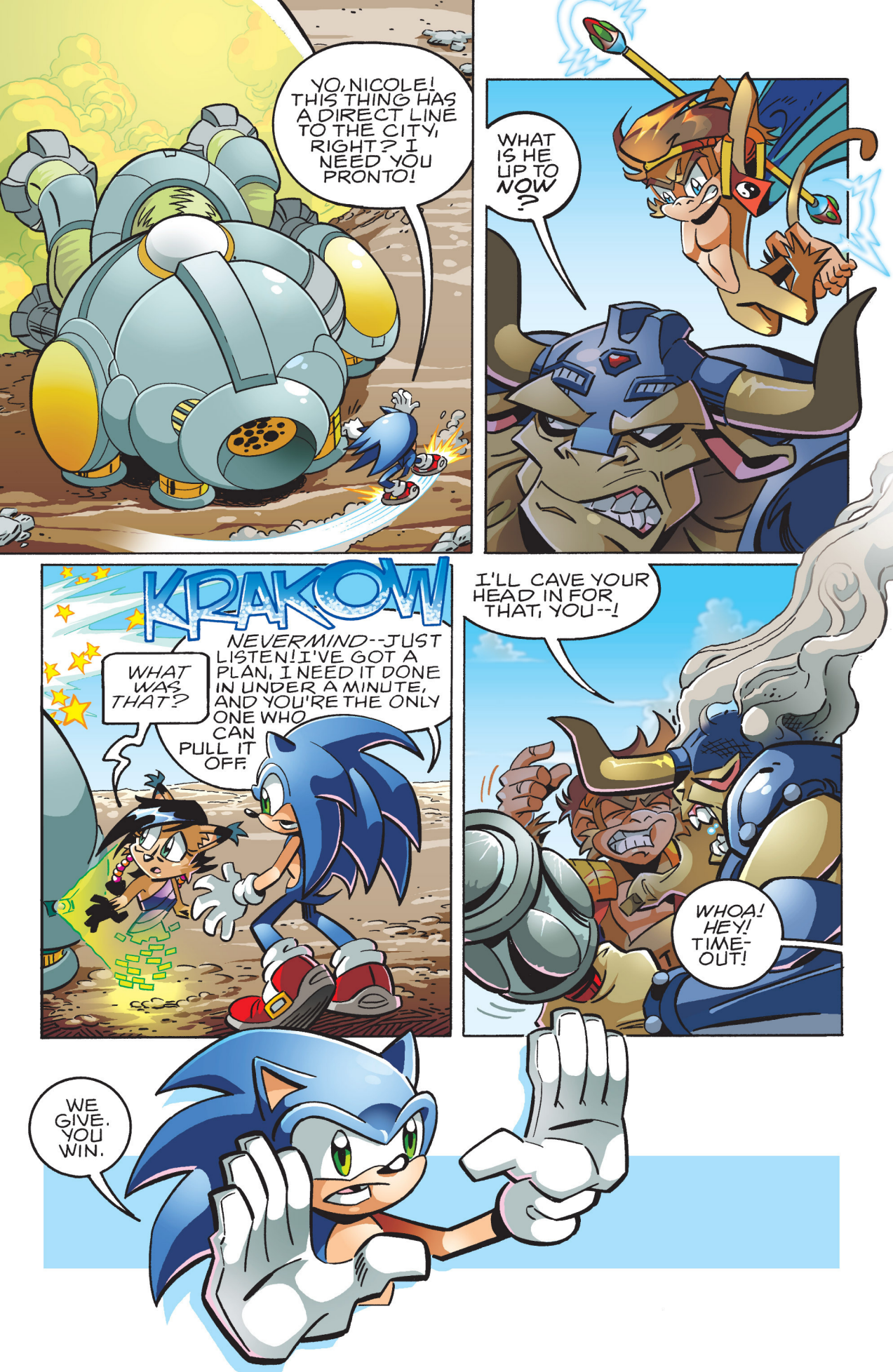

"JUST MAKE IT TODAY, OKAY?"
WELCOME, MA PRINCESS!
SALLY-GIRL!
HEY, GUYS. HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING?
VAGUE
SHOOT-NO, SUGAR-TWAN WAS ABOUT TO GET US SOME LUNCH.
BUT ONLY IF YOU ARE SURE YOU WILL BE OKAY WITHOUT ME HERE TO--
SUGAR, FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME, AH'M FINE.
I SHALL NOT BE THE DELAYING, MY LOVE.
HE WAS THERE WHEN DR. QUACK SAID YOU'D BE READY FOR ACTIVE DUTY AGAIN BY NEXT WEEK, RIGHT?
HE'S THE SWEETEST, AND AH LOVE HIM, BUT HE... HE'S ABOUT TO WORRY ME TO DEATH!
BUT Y'ALL KNOW AH'M FINE, SO THAT AIN'T WHY YOU'RE HERE.
I CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU, CAN I?
NOT FROM YOUR BEST FRIEND.
WHAT'S UP, SALLY-GIRL?

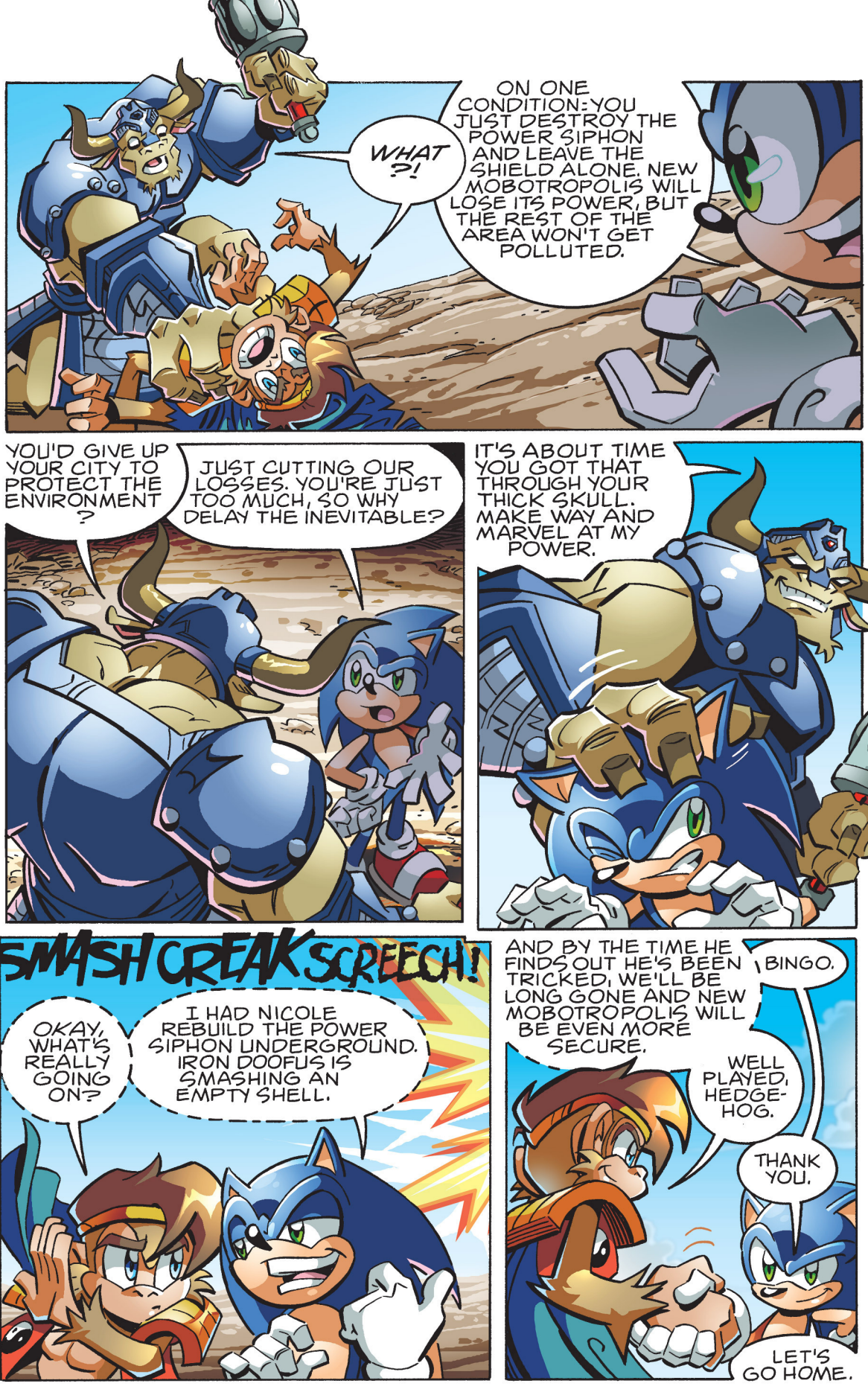

I THINK I'M FALLING FOR SOME-ONE.
GOOD. IT'S ABOUT TIME.
BUT SONIC--!
YA'LL CUT THINGS OFF. YOU'RE STILL FRIENDS, RIGHT?
RIGHT.
SO IT AIN'T LIKE YOU'RE TWO-TIMIN' HIM. HE'S MOVIN' ON, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU DID, TOO.
BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THIS GUY IS RIGHT FOR ME.
THAT'S WHAT DATIN' IS FOR, SUGAR. YOU TEST THE WATERS AND SEE IF THINGS CLICK.
I'M THE FIELD LEADER OF A SMALL STRIKE FORCE TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE SEAT OF POWER THAT'S TERRORIZING THE ENTIRE WORLD. I DON'T REALLY HAVE TIME TO "DATE."
AH NEVER SAID IT WAS EASY. BUT AH KNOW YOU PRETTY WELL. AH KNOW THE TYPE OF GUY YOU'RE INTO...


"YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ATTRACTED TO THE STRONG, PROTECTIVE TYPES. YOU'RE SELF-RELIANT, BUT AH THINK YOU LIKE HAVING SOMEONE WHO CAN PROTECT YOU AS WELL AS YOU'D PROTECT THEM.
AND AH THINK PART OF IT HAS TO BE YOU CAN TRUST HIM. AH DON'T THINK YOU'VE GIVEN ANY FELLA THE TIME OF DAY IF HE COULDN'T BE YOUR FRIEND FIRST.
THEY SAY OPPOSITES ATTRACT, AND IT'S TRUE FOR YOU. YOU LIKE TO HAVE A HANDLE ON THE SITUATION, AND WHILE IT MIGHT DRIVE YOU UP THE WALL, YOU JUST CAIN'T HELP BUT LIKE A GUY WHO'S A BIT RECKLESS.
THAT SAID, YOU'RE A SELFLESS PERSON, AND YOU LIKE THAT QUALITY IN OTHERS. YOU WANT SOMEBODY AS WILLING TO GIVE HIS ALL FOR EVERYONE ELSE AS YOU ARE."

YOU REALLY DO KNOW ME.
TO A "T," SUGAH. YOU JUST FOLLOW YOUR LI'L OL' HEART, AND YOU'LL FIND THE RIGHT GUY FOR YOU.
Y'ALL JUST GOTTA BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE. THE BOYS CAN BE KINDA DENSE ABOUT THAT SORT OF THING.
THANK YOU, BUNNIE. I THINK I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO.
NOW...WHO SHALL I CHOOSE TO CRUSH FIRST? MY OLD NEMESIS...OR THE LOCAL WOULD-BE "HERO"...?
HOW ABOUT "C" --NONE OF THE ABOVE?
FALL BACK!

BAH!
COME AT ME AS MUCH AS YOU WANT. I WILL ALWAYS WIN.
÷KOFF!÷
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
÷HACK!÷ I'VE NEVER FOUND ANY WEAKNESS TO HIM...
WE HIT HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT, AND HE'S STILL STANDING!
THOOM
BLASTED CITIES WITH THEIR BLASTED SHIELDS! YOU WILL FALL TO ME!
THOOM
THIS IS STUPID. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP HIM, BUT WE CAN'T JUST STAND HERE, EITHER.
...HE ISN'T INCREDIBLY BRIGHT.
WELL, I'M OUT OF IDEAS. I ALREADY TOLD YOU HE STOLE THE FAN OF FEN XING* AND HE'S INVULNERABLE. THE ONLY ADVANTAGE WE HAVE IS HIS EGO AND THE FACT THAT...
*BACK IN STH #202!
THOOM
I'VE GOT IT! THAT'S HOW WE BEAT HIM!
WHAT? HOW?
THOOM
LET ME WORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU DISTRACT HIM SOMEHOW, LET HIM BEAT YOU UP SOME MORE, MAYBE?


YO, NICOLE! THIS THING HAS A DIRECT LINE TO THE CITY, RIGHT? I NEED YOU PRONTO!
WHAT IS HE UP TO NOW?
KRAKOW
WHAT WAS THAT?
NEVERMIND--JUST LISTEN! I'VE GOT A PLAN, I NEED IT DONE IN UNDER A MINUTE, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PULL IT OFF.
I'LL CAVE YOUR HEAD IN FOR THAT, YOU--!
WHOA! HEY! TIME-OUT!
WE GIVE. YOU WIN.


WHAT?!
ON ONE CONDITION: YOU JUST DESTROY THE POWER SIPHON AND LEAVE THE SHIELD ALONE. NEW MOBOTROPOLIS WILL LOSE ITS POWER, BUT THE REST OF THE AREA WON'T GET POLLUTED.
YOU'D GIVE UP YOUR CITY TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT?
JUST CUTTING OUR LOSSES. YOU'RE JUST TOO MUCH, SO WHY DELAY THE INEVITABLE?
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT THAT THROUGH YOUR THICK SKULL. MAKE WAY AND MARVEL AT MY POWER.
SMASH CREAK SCREECH!
OKAY, WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?
I HAD NICOLE REBUILD THE POWER SIPHON UNDERGROUND. IRON DOOFUS IS SMASHING AN EMPTY SHELL.
AND BY THE TIME HE FINDS OUT HE'S BEEN TRICKED, WE'LL BE LONG GONE AND NEW MOBOTROPOLIS WILL BE EVEN MORE SECURE.
BINGO.
WELL PLAYED, HEDGE-HOG.
THANK YOU.
LET'S GO HOME.

LATER...
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, SAL. WHERE'S TAILS?
HE'S WITH AMADEUS, CHECKING ON THE WOUNDED. NICOLE FILLED ME IN ON YOUR PLAN. NICE WORK, YOU TWO.
CREDIT GOES TO SONIC FOR THE QUICK THINKING.
IT WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED WITHOUT YOUR EVER-SO-PUNCHABLE FACE, M.K.
OH, STOP.
I MEAN IT!
I KNOW. I DO, TOO.
COME WITH ME, KEN. THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT US TO TALK ABOUT.
O-OKAY ...?
SONIC!
UH... HEY, AMY.
I HEARD YOU JUST GOT BACK FROM ANOTHER ADVENTURE, AND I WANT TO HEAR ALL ABOUT IT! MAYBE OVER DINNER? MY TREAT?

NAH. I'LL TREAT. UNCLE CHUCK'S SOUND GOOD TO YOU?
THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF NEW ROMANCES? OR WILL THEY BE CUT SHORT BY THE IRON QUEEN'S NEXT MOVE? DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE WHERE SONIC HAS TO FACE THE FULL POWER OF "THE IRON DOMINION!"

THE IRON QUEEN
IDIOTS!
I AM SURROUNDED BY IDIOTS!
MY GLORIOUS CONQUEST OF THIS CONTINENT HAS BEEN SULLIED BY YOUR INCOMPETENCE!
B-B-B-BUT I...!
...IT LOOKED LIKE THE POWER SIPHON TO ME...
ENOUGH! I WILL BE IN MY CHAMBERS!
HRMPH. SHE WASN'T ALWAYS SO DEMANDING AND SHRILL.
OH? I WOULDN'T KNOW.
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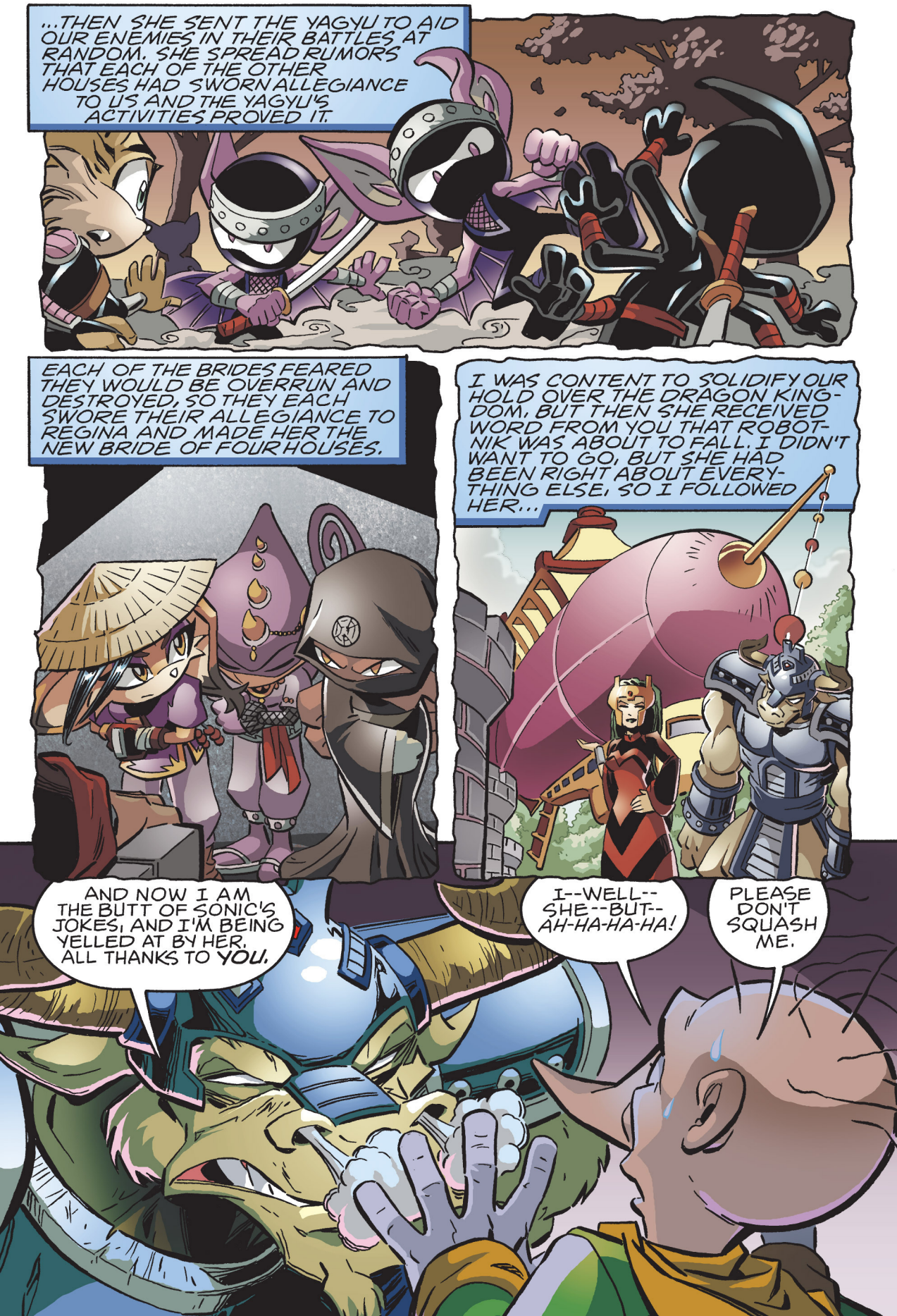
WHEN WE FIRST STARTED OUT, SHE WAS MUCH SOFTER-SPOKEN. SHE USED HER TECHNOMAGIC TO AWAKEN THE LONG-DORMANT MACHINES OF THE LAND TO AID ME IN MY CONQUEST OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM.
BUT OUR EFFORTS WERE USUALLY CRUSHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE WARRING NINJA CLANS, OR THE FREE PEOPLE WE SOUGHT TO CONTROL. WE COULDN'T GET A FOOTHOLD IN THE REGION AT ALL.
THAT ALL CHANGED WHEN HE CAME. OLD MOBOTROPOLIS WAS FIRMLY UNDER HIS CONTROL, AND HE WAS SPREADING HIS INFLUENCE AROUND THE WORLD.
IT WAS REGINA WHO CONVINCED HIM TO ENDORSE US AS HIS REGIONAL SUB-BOSSES. I HATED TO SERVE ANY MAN, BUT THE SUPPLIES AND FORCES HE OUTFITTED US WITH GAVE US THE EDGE WE NEEDED.

WE BECAME THE IRON KING AND QUEEN, AND FROM THE IRON FORTRESS WE REIGNED OVER THE HELPLESS FREE PEOPLE OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM!
EXCEPT THE FOUR HOUSES STILL VIED FOR CONTROL. AND SINCE WE COULD NOW COMPETE, THEY TURNED EVEN GREATER FORCES AGAINST US. AS MIGHTY AS I AM, EVEN I CANNOT FIGHT A WAR ON FOUR FRONTS.
REGINA TRIED TO BUY OFF ONE OF THE CLAN LEADERS, BUT THE BRIDE OF RICH NIGHTS INSISTED SHE COULD NOT BE BOUGHT.
SO I DESTROYED HER. REGINA TOOK THE CREDIT, HOWEVER, TO MAKE HERSELF THE NEW BRIDE OF THE YAGYU CLAN. I DIDN'T SEE MUCH POINT TO IT THEN, BUT...


...THEN SHE SENT THE YAGYU TO AID OUR ENEMIES IN THEIR BATTLES AT RANDOM. SHE SPREAD RUMORS THAT EACH OF THE OTHER HOUSES HAD SWORN ALLEGIANCE TO US AND THE YAGYU'S ACTIVITIES PROVED IT.
EACH OF THE BRIDES FEARED THEY WOULD BE OVERRUN AND DESTROYED, SO THEY EACH SWORE THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO REGINA AND MADE HER THE NEW BRIDE OF FOUR HOUSES.
I WAS CONTENT TO SOLIDIFY OUR HOLD OVER THE DRAGON KINGDOM, BUT THEN SHE RECEIVED WORD FROM YOU THAT ROBOTNIK WAS ABOUT TO FALL. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO, BUT SHE HAD BEEN RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE, SO I FOLLOWED HER...
AND NOW I AM THE BUTT OF SONIC'S JOKES, AND I'M BEING YELLED AT BY HER. ALL THANKS TO YOU.
I--WELL--SHE--BUT--AH-HA-HA-HA!
PLEASE DON'T SQUASH ME.

YOU ARE NOT WORTH THE EFFORT TO SCRAPE OFF MY HOOF. I MUST REST AND MEDITATE ON HOW TO BRING DOWN THAT BLASTED SHIELD OVER NEW MOBOTROPOLIS.
MEDITATE ALL YOU WANT, YOU OAF.
I HAVE ALREADY FIGURED OUT HOW REGINA WILL CONQUER THE CITY.
AND WHEN SHE FINALLY RULES THE WORLD, I WILL BE HER IRON KING...
...AND YOU'LL BE HAMBURGER!
WHAT IS SNIVELY'S DASTARDLY NEW PLAN? COME BACK NEXT TIME TO FIND OUT.